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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Forty-First Congress—Second Regular Session

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1870.

SENATE.

Mr. Vickers presented a memorial of the National Board of Trade asking the passage of a marine apprentices law. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Pomeroy presented a memorial of the Howard Temperance Division of Washington asking the passage of a bill to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia. Referred to the Committees on the Districts of Columbia.

Mr. Stewart presented the credentials of H. P. Arrow, Senator-elect from the State of Georgia.

Mr. Drake said there was no reason for referring any such paper as this to the Judiciary Committee. It purports to do what no Governor has any right to do, to communicate any act as a Senator of the United States. It does not purport to be any particular law of Congress, but it has nothing about the election of this man, by whom he was elected, or when he was elected, or whether he is a Senator or not.

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The resolution was adopted.

Mr. O'Neill, of Pa., submitted a report from the Senate, and referred it to the naval deficiency bill, which had been introduced.

Mr. Vorhees, of Ind., rising to a personal explanation, called the attention of the House to some remarks of Mr. Benton, of New Haven, Conn., which he said had been made by him (Mr. Vorhees) as a member of the Knights of the Golden Circle, and of having resisted the draft during the war. He denied the statement entirely, and that he was proper to the antislavery cause, and that he had never received any compensation for his services, as proof that he had never been paid any charge.

Mr. Benton, in reply, said that he was not a member of the Knights of the Golden Circle, and of having resisted the draft during the war.

Mr. Vorhees again denied all the statements made by Mr. Benton, contrasting them with some recent political publications.

Mr. Swann, of Maryland, at 8 o'clock, moved that the House adjourn. He thought some respect should be paid to the anniversary of the birth of Washington. There was a roar of laughter in the House upon this day, and he did not think Congress should be in session.

The motion was rejected—70 to 70, now 70 to 70.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the House resolved itself into Committees of the Whole, and resumed consideration of the legislative appropriation bill, the pending question being upon the amendment of Mr. Arnell to strike out the words "and to strike out that clause of the bill which abolishes that department."

The amendment was debated at length.

The principal advocates of the measure were Mr. Arnell and Mr. Swann.

Mr. Arnell, of N. Y., moved to amend the bill so as to strike out the words "and to strike out that clause of the bill which abolishes that department."

Mr. Arnell further stated that he was

entirely opposed to allowing any Clinton ever to plant their feet in this country, and he never should be. You can call it know-how.

The President pro tem. stated that the Legislature of Maryland had passed a resolution tendering the freedom of the floor to the members of Congress visiting the British Monarch now lying at the head of Annapolis, and a committee of the Legislature to invite Congress of the fact was now in the city.

Mr. Pomeroy then moved that as this was the birthday of Washington the Senate adjourn.

Mr. Stewart demanded the yeas and nays, when the motion was agreed to—yeas, 19; and the Senate, at 2 p. m., adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, rose to a question of privilege, and after making some remarks condemning the bad practice of allowing speeches that were never delivered in the House, and of the practice of the clerks, and reading the bills that had grown thereon, offered the following:

Whereas the Hon. William Mungen, a member of the House, on the 19th instant, addressed the Committee on Railroads in the House, to a point that he could not be heard, and the speaker, and that in the meantime, the said speech was not heard;

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be directed to传 the Hon. William Mungen, a member of the House, to a point that he could not be heard, and that in the meantime, the said speech was not heard;

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